

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
WACO DIVISION**

VLSI TECHNOLOGY LLC,

Plaintiff,

v.

INTEL CORPORATION,

Defendant.

**Case No.:** 6:21-cv-57-ADA



**PLAINTIFF VLSI TECHNOLOGY LLC'S OPPOSED SUPPLEMENTAL MOTION IN**  
**LIMINE REGARDING FORTRESS INVESTMENT GROUP LLC**

At the January 20, 2021 Motion in *Limine* Hearing, the Court indicated that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and asked whether

[REDACTED] 1/20/2021 Sealed Hr'g Tr. at 14:13-22. The Court also indicated that there would be no bench conferences. 1/14/2021 Hr'g Tr. at 27:17-28:1.

Accordingly, VLSI brings this supplemental motion to ensure that everyone has a common understanding about how potentially irrelevant and prejudicial references to Fortress Investment Group LLC ("Fortress"), [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] will be handled during the trial. This seems particularly important to address in advance because, to date, the overwhelming majority of references Intel has made to Fortress in hearings before the Court, in its experts' reports, in its filings, and in depositions, have in fact been irrelevant, prejudicial, or both.

Under these circumstances, given the above history and the sensitivity of these issues, Intel should be required to pre-clear any testimony or argument that it intends to offer relating to Fortress [REDACTED] before offering it in argument or witness testimony.

For avoidance of doubt, irrelevant and prejudicial references to Fortress include at least that [REDACTED]:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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- [Redacted]
  - [Redacted]
  - [Redacted]
  - [Redacted]
  - [Redacted]
  - [Redacted]
  - [Redacted]
  - [Redacted]
  - [Redacted]
  - [Redacted]
  - [Redacted]

Such allegations are not only irrelevant to any of the issues to be tried in the upcoming case, but in some cases completely inaccurate without any basis in fact. As Intel is well aware, Fortress does not own VLSI. [REDACTED]

13 <sup>1</sup> E.g., Wen Decl., Ex. 1, Cindy Simpson (VLSI's Chief Technology Officer) Dep. 99:3-

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] *See, e.g.,* Wen Decl., Ex. 5, Michael Stolarski (VLSI’s Chief Executive Officer) Dep. 102:6-8, 107:14-22, 108:3-7, 132:17-22.

Even if any of these allegations had any probative value, which they do not, such “probative value is substantially outweighed by a danger of ... unfair prejudice, confusing the issues, misleading the jury, undue delay, or wasting time.” FED. R. EVID. 403. And, indeed, any attempts by Intel to cast Fortress [REDACTED] and then link Fortress with VLSI, would be unduly prejudicial, and courts have excluded evidence or argument that would unfairly link a party to other entities or groups of entities that have a tarnished reputation. *See, e.g., Securian Fin. Grp., Inc. v. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.*, 2015 WL 13637330, at \*4 (D. Minn. Feb. 10, 2015) (in litigation between investor and investment advisor, excluding evidence about Bear Stearns under Rule 403).

Intel should be precluded from making any prejudicial allegations regarding [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] without first clearing those allegations and testimony with the Court.

Dated: February 9, 2021

By: /s/ Andy Tindel

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**CERTIFICATE OF CONFERENCE**

Counsel for Plaintiff VLSI Technology LLC conferred with counsel for Intel Corporation regarding this motion, and Intel's counsel indicated that it is opposed to this motion and the relief requested.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

A true and correct copy of the foregoing instrument was served or delivered electronically via email, to all counsel of record, on February 9, 2021.

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